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U.S. E.P.A. - Region V Waste Management Division CERCLA Enforcement Section 230 South Dearborn Street Chicago, Illinois 60604

Attention: Susan Swales - SHE-12

Re: Ninth Avenue Dump, Gary Indiana
U.S. Scrap Corp., Chicago, Illinois

Dear Ms. Swales:

This letter is in response to a General Notice Letter and Information Request directed to Fibreboard Corporation. The notice is dated March 9, 1988 and demands a response within 15 days from its receipt. Upon request, your office granted Fibreboard an extension of time, until April 13, 1988, in which to respond. Your accommodation in doing so is greatly appreciated.

Response to Notice of Potential Liability and Demand for Payment

Fibreboard acknowledges receipt of the letter notice of potential liability regarding the above-referenced sites. Upon receipt of that notice, Fibreboard conducted a diligent investigation of its activities in the Indiana and Illinois areas. That investigation revealed no circumstances which indicate that Fibreboard has, by contract, agreement, or otherwise, arranged for the disposal of hazardous substances at either site at any time. In fact, Fibreboard does not now nor has it in the past operated any manufacturing facilities within any degree of proximity to either site. It is highly unlikely that any Fibreboard manufacturing facility would have chosen such an inconvenient location for disposal of its waste.

Fibreboard will continue to investigate this matter. If that investigation, including receipt from you of the information requested below, reveals that Fibreboard may indeed be a responsible party under CERCLA, Fibreboard then would be in a

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position to participate in making a fair contribution to clean-up costs. However, because Fibreboard neither possesses any facts nor has knowledge of any circumstances indicating Fibreboard's involvement with the sites, it is not feasible for Fibreboard to make an offer to finance clean-up costs at this time.

In a telephone conversation with the EPA, Fibreboard was informed that its receipt of the notice of potential liability may simply be the result of a misnomer. It is possible that Fiber Bond Corporation, rather than Fibreboard Corporation, is the party upon whom EPA intended to serve the notice of potential liability. Your following up on this possibility will be appreciated. According to the records of the Illinois Secretary of State, Fiber Bond Corporation is an Illinois corporation with the following agents available for receipt of service:

Leonard Schanfield - Registered Agent 55 East Monroe Street Chicago, Illinois 60603 - Office of Agent

Barre Seid - President 500 N. Orleans Street Chicago, Illinois 60610 - Address of President

Richard Seid - Secretary 730 West Lake Street Chicago, Illinois 60606 - Address of Secretary

The place of incorporation, the latter two addresses, and its name all suggest that Fiber Bond Corporation may be involved in a manufacturing business within the City of Chicago. Fibreboard Corporation, on the other hand, is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Concord, California and without manufacturing operations in the area.

Response to Information Requested by EPA

Fibreboard would like to assist the EPA in its investigation of this matter. However, Fibreboard does not have the information requested in your Requests No. 1 and No. 2. As stated earlier, Fibreboard has no connection with the above-referenced sites. Our investigation has not revealed any prior or current dealings by Fibreboard with (1) Steve Martell, (2) U.S. Scrap Corp., (3) Liquid Engineering, (4) U.S. Drum Corp., (5) U.S. Drum Disposal, and (6) David Head.

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In response to Request No. 3, Fibreboard is currently investigating all liability insurance coverage that is or was carried by Fibreboard from 1965 to 1977, relating to hazardous substances. A supplemental letter containing that information will be forwarded upon completion of that investigation.

Further Contact with Fibreboard

Further contact with Fibreboard should be directed to:

James K. Toohey, Esq. Ross & Hardies 150 N. Michigan Avenue Suite 2500 Chicago, Illinois 60601 (312) 558-1000

Information Request to EPA

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552, Fibreboard requests copies of all the documents the EPA has obtained in connection with its investigation of the above-referenced sites which indicate that Fibreboard is a potentially responsible party with respect to those sites.

We are willing to pay for reproduction costs. Please submit a statement to my attention when the copies are complete.

Fibreboard is eager to resolve the matters raised by your notice of potential liability. If we can provide EPA with any information or assistance that will facilitate a resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

James K. Toohey

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CERTIFICATION

I, James K. Toohey, upon reasonable investigation and inquiry conducted at his request, certify that all information contained herein in the "Response to Information Requested by EPA" is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

James K. Toohey

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this /3 + / 1 day of April, 1988.

Notary Public

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My Commission Expires Feb. 3, 1991

James K. Ross & Hardies

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